

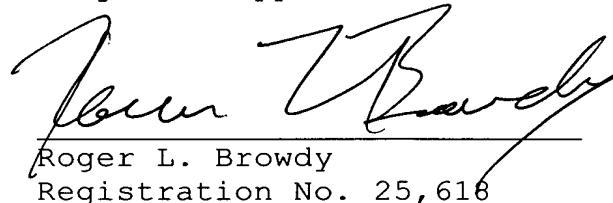
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-24 presently appear in this case. The present amendment is being filed to replace the abstract as required by the notice to file missing parts. Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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